

Initiatives to improve mining and environmental approvals

Increase agency capacity

Additional resourcing for environmental agencies to support case management of State significant proposals.

Environmental reform

Environment Online, supported by biodiversity data, will deliver a Commonwealth-State consistent approach to a digital environmental approval regime.

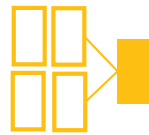
Amendments to environmental protection legislation will achieve:

- Streamlined assessment of Commonwealth and State approvals.
- Reduced duplication and administrative efficiency in the environmental impact assessment process.



Reduced reporting burden

Introduce one annual environment report for mining proponents.
Reduce duplication and improve transparency in reporting.



Streamlining legislative reforms

Introduce risk-based framework for some low impact activities.
Establish a single approval instrument for mining proponents.



Online one stop shop

Make guidance easily accessible.
Drive consistency across approval chain.



Clear guidance

Clarity will avoid inconsistent interpretations, provide transparency and improve a proponent's understanding of the process requirements.



Build common understanding

Increase regulator expertise and skills, and build a whole-of-Government mindset.
Build mutual understanding and a culture of enablement through combined agency and industry training and events.



Strengthen case management support

Streamline cross-agency referrals and achieve a 'one public sector' approach.
Agency agreement on escalation by case manager.



Statements of expectation

Clear statements will improve regulatory culture, guide agency priorities, and outline how to reconcile competing objectives.



Performance measurement

Increase transparency and public confidence.
Agency accountability will encourage better performance and ensure timeframes are clear.